

Mr. Lawrence J. Wark



Lawrence J. Wark serves as the Director, Veteran Employment Services Office, Department of Veterans Affairs. He is responsible to the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration for expanding and enhancing recruitment efforts to incrementally increase the percentage of Veterans in VA and the Federal workforce; reduce voluntary Veteran turnover; and provide support to our Service Members by enhancing deployment lifecycle support.

Mr. Wark joined VA following a 27-year career in the United States Army, serving as an Infantry and Adjutant General Corps Officer and retiring as a Colonel. He is a 1987 graduate of the United States Military Academy. Mr. Wark holds Masters Degrees in Human Resource Management from Troy University and Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

While on active duty, Mr. Wark held various command and staff positions in both the operational Army and strategic HR positions in Headquarters, Department of the Army. He served in combat operations during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His final assignment was as Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Mr. Wark's military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medals as well as the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab. Additionally, Mr. Wark received the Horatio Gates Gold Medal for extraordinary achievement as an HR professional.